Uttar Pradesh	712000	719000	757826
West Bengal	193611	194011	204488
Andaman & Nicobar	6028	6030	6356
Chandigarh	9691	8563	9025
Daman & Diu	7482	7600	8010
Delhi	1158355	1162400	1225170
Lakshadweep	776	807	851
Pondicherry	20774	20900	22029
TOTAL	5500419	5532521	5831277

The figures are maintained calendar year-wise and not financial year-wise. The estimates for 1999 are based on growth rate of international tourist arrivals projected for 1999.

(b) The steps taken by the Government to attract more tourists among others include improvement of infrastructural facilities, strengthening of marketing efforts and sustained human resource development.

(c) The Working Group on Tourism for the Ninth Five Year Plan has set a target of 8% growth in tourist arrivals till 2001. Accordingly, the tourist arrivals target for the year 2000 and 2001 would be 3.12 million and 3.37 million respectively.

Development of Buddhist Pilgrimages in Madhya Pradesh

†773. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented for the development of tourist places, Sanchi and Sajdhara in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the details of future plans for development of above tourist places and Buddhist pilgrimages; and

(c) whether there is any scheme to provide flood-lights to ensure the visibility of Sanchi Stupa and its gate from far away during night; if not, whether the same will be formulated in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a), (b) & (c) The development of tourism in any area of the state is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, Central Government provides financial assistance in consultation with the State Governments for development of tourism infrastructure. The following projects have been sanctioned for development of tourism at Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

(1) Cafetaria at Sanchi
(2) Tourist Reception Center, Sanchi08.32
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No project proposal has been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for development of Sajdhara and for providing floodlighting for Sanchi Stupa.

Sharing of Cost of Sardar Sarovar Project

774. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that participating States, viz., Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan, have to pay the arrears to the tune of Rs. 933.04 crores to the Government of Gujarat as share cost of Sardar Sarovar Project;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Gujarat urged upon the Central Government to use its good offices for realisation of the arrears;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) the reaction of the participating States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The participating States, viz., Madhya Pradesh Maharashtra and Rajasthan have to pay arrears to the tune of Rs. 1251.69 crore to Gujarat, out of which Rs. 762.08 crore is the undisputed amount and an amount of Rs. 489.61 crores is disputed.